



Resurrection Gym

I once had to do a pop culture assignment for a theology class at seminary. The theory was to take something from pop culture whether an image, song, or movie and relate it to something in life of the church.

The image that you see above is widely known as the first image that viewers see when the movie “Rocky” begins.

After the name ROCKY is displayed in black and white across the screen, we see this image of Jesus before we see “Rocky Balboa” fighting “Spider Rico.” This is a real image that was once displayed at Resurrection Gym in California. **Resurrection Gym was once a church back in the 1920’s but eventually became a gym in the 1990’s. This gym is featured in Rocky and Rocky V.**

This image showcases the representation of Christology of Jesus in human nature form in which the Nicene Creed states, **“We believe...in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.”** This Christology proves Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God.

Another representation is Jesus and the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Eucharist is fully displayed with Jesus holding the chalice and the Communion wafer in his hands. The symbolism here shows that As Christ commanded in the Gospels, the sacraments serve as a means of grace, which extends God's mercy and love being poured out as inward and outward signs.

The Supper of the Lord is a sacrament of our redemption by Christ’s death; insomuch that, to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith receive the same, the bread which we break is a partaking of the body of Christ; and likewise the cup of blessing is a partaking of the blood of Christ.

What images, songs, or movies in our culture do you today show our Triune God the best?

